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SUGGESTED BASIC LIST

I. Fundamental Christian Truths

The Holy Bible

"Our one desire for all the Church's children is that, being saturated with the Bible, they may arrive at the all-surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ." —Pope Benedict XV

Christ in His Mysteries by Columba Marmion, O.S.B.

This volume is a practical course in understanding and living the mysteries of Christ as presented in Sacred Scripture and the liturgical year. (Herder) 441 pages $4.25

The Church, a Divine Mystery by Roger Hasseveldt

A complete doctrinal explanation of the Church from its beginnings in the Old Testament to its final fulfillment in the Heavenly Jerusalem. (Fides) 263 pages $4.50

Mystici Corporis (Encyclical Letter of Pope Pius XII on the Mystical Body of Christ)

"This doctrine by its sublime dignity invites all those who are drawn by the Holy Spirit to study it, and gives them, in the truths which it proposes to the mind, a strong incentive to the performance of such good works as are conformable to its teaching." —Pope Pius XII (NCWC) 54 pages 15¢

My Way of Life by Walter Farrell, O.P., and Martin Healy

A synopsis of basic truths of Christianity according to the plan of St. Thomas. (Confraternity of the Precious Blood) 630 pages $1.30

The Public Life of Our Lord Jesus Christ by Alban J. Goodier, S.J. (Kenedy) 2 volumes $9.00

The Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ by Alban J. Goodier, S.J. (Kenedy) $4.50

These simply written books with abundant use of Sacred Scripture give us a lucid picture of Christ's life on earth.

The Theology Library edited by A. M. Henry, O.P.

Introduction to Theology

The sources of the Christian Faith and familiarization with tools needed in theology. (Fides) 306 pages $5.95

God and His Creation

The main themes of God — existence, creation, divine government — are studied. (Fides) 511 pages $6.50

Man and His Happiness

Human acts, passions, habits, grace, based on Saint Thomas. (Fides) 420 pages $6.50

Virtues and States of Life

Complete study of all the virtues and functions, states and orders in the Church. (Fides) 772 pages $8.75

The Historical and Mystical Christ

Full scriptural, patristic and historical development of the Incarnation, life of Christ and Redemption, including sections on the Blessed Mother and the Church. (Fides — to be released Spring 1958)

Christ in His Sacraments

The Sacraments and final coming of Christ (Fides — to be released Spring 1958)

II. Growth in Holiness

Christ the Life of the Soul by Columba Marmion, O.S.B.

A book full of solid reflections on the interior life, written by a world-renowned spiritual writer (Herder) 445 pages $4.25

Come Holy Spirit by Leonce de Grandmaison

A grasp of the apostolate and emphasis on interior inspiration. (Fides) 117 pages $2.95

Holiness for All by Norbert Robichaud

In this compact, well-integrated booklet, Archbishop Robichaud outlines for laymen the need and requirements for spiritual growth. (Newman) 77 pages 75¢

How to Pray Well by Raoul Plus, S.J.

A practical explanation of the four principal modes of prayer. (Newman) 133 pages $1.50

Our Lady of Wisdom by Maurice Zundel, O.S.B.

Meditative writing on the interior life of the Blessed Virgin. Solid yet simple reading, recommended for everyone. (Sheed & Ward) 103 pages $1.50

Progress Through Mental Prayer by Edward Leen, C.S.Sp.

Written by one of the best modern writers on spirituality, this book is an excellent guide for the soul in its progress toward God. (Sheed & Ward) 276 pages $3.00

The Soul of the Apostolate by Jean-Baptist Chautard, O.C.R.

"Catholic Action must have as its preliminary the individual sanctification of each of its members, so that the supernatural life abounds and superabounds within them." — Pope Pius XI. Although written primarily for priests, this deeply penetrating book is equally useful to the lay apostle. The rule that prayer is the foundation, the *soul* of the apostolate applies to every follower of Christ. (Gethsemani) 290 pages $2.00

This Tremendous Lover by Eugene Boylan, O.C.R.

The author points out that every member of the Mystical Body is called to an intimate union with God in his soul. He then analyzes what this union means and what specific steps must be taken to develop this union. (Newman) 345 pages $3.00

III. Living the Liturgy

Living the Mass by F. Desplanques

A penetrating, prayerful paraphrase of the Mass intended to integrate the Holy Sacrifice into all the acts of our daily life. (Newman) 180 pages $2.75

Mediator Dei (Encyclical Letter of Pope Pius XII on the Sacred Liturgy) (America Press)

The Normal School of Sanctity for the Laity by Lydwine Van Kersbergen

A brief but pointed introduction to the role which the liturgy has in forming and integrating the life of the Christian. (Grailville) 38 pages 75¢

Of Sacraments and Sacrifice by Clifford Howell, S.J.

An account of the work of our redemption under the aspect of its continuation and application through the liturgy. (Liturgical Press) 183 pages 90¢

Pathways in Holy Scripture by Damasus Winzen, O.S.B.

A summary and explanation of the Bible. Part I: The Books of Holy Scripture read by the Church in Her Breviary during the liturgical year. Part II: the remaining Books of the Bible (not all Books are completed in this part — those forthcoming are mailed to subscribers as they are published). (Mount Saviour) In 2 parts $4.00

Saint Andrew Missal compiled by Gaspar Lefebvre, O.S.B.

The missal should be a valuable help to those who wish to pray with the Church. (Lohmann) In many editions.

A Short Breviary edited by the monks of Saint John's Abbey

An excellent adaptation of the divine office to popular use. "The divine office is the prayer of the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ . . . The most pressing duty of Christians is to live the liturgical life, and increase and cherish its supernatural spirit." —Pope Pius XII. (Liturgical Press) 766 pages $3.50

Signs of Life by Francois Louvel, O.P., and Louis J. Putz, C.S.C.

The seven Sacraments developed from the point of view of the layman's participation in the Sacraments. (Fides) 134 pages $2.75

The Mass, Confirmation and *Sacraments of the Sick* are also available in illustrated booklets. 25¢ each

The Week With Christ by Emeric Lawrence, O.S.B.

A companion book to the Sunday Missal. (Liturgical Press) 325 pages Cloth $2.50 Paper $1.50

IV. Principles of the Lay Apostolate

The Christian in a Changing World by John Fitzsimons

The responsibilities of Christians in our distraught world, the nature of the lay apostolate, the various fields which the lay apostolate must penetrate — these are the subjects so strikingly set forth in this booklet. (Fides) 45 pages 35¢

Introduction to Catholic Action by William Ferree, S.M.

A short, readable introduction to Catholic Action by a specialist in the field. An extensive bibliography is included for further research into this momentous subject. (Marianist Publications) 93 pages 35¢

Missionary Spirit in Parish Life by Abbe Michonneau

A vibrant pastoral theology, practical in every respect and always stressing the objective of the parish priest — to win souls for Christ. (Newman) 152 pages $2.50

The Salvation of the Nations by Jean Danielou

A searching book on the missionary problem facing the Church in its attempt to Christianize the world. (Sheed & Ward) 118 pages $2.00

Souls at Stake by Francis J. Ripley and F. S. Mitchell

An account of the part which the Legion of Mary has in the lay apostolate. Skillfully written, its chapters contain many powerful lessons of value to every militant Catholic. (Wagner) 189 pages $2.50

V. Sources of Catholic Social Principles

Rerum Novarum (Encyclical Letter of Pope Leo XIII on the Condition of Labor)

Ubi Arcano (Encyclical Letter of Pope Pius XI on the Peace of Christ in the Reign of Christ)

Quadragesimo Anno (Encyclical Letter of Pope Pius XI on Reconstructing the Social Order)

To understand modern conditions and the remedies which the Church proposes it is necessary to turn to the visible center of spiritual authority, the Vicar of Christ on earth. The papal pronouncements, especially the encyclicals, are a mine of religious truth concretized for Christians in a bewildered world. The above encyclicals, together with those mentioned elsewhere in this list, are particularly recommended.

The Church Today, the collected writings of Emmanuel Suhard

The subjects include: Growth or Decline, The Meaning of God, Priests Among Men, The Christian Family, The Parish, Community. (Fides) 371 pages $4.75

A Guide for Social Action by Yves de Montcheuil

Short, penetrating and thought provoking essays which can serve as guideposts to all Christians engaged in any kind of social action. (Fides) 85 pages $1.50

The Mind of Pius XII edited by Robert Pollack

Topically arranged excerpts from the writings of the present Holy Father. (Crown) 234 pages $3.50

Our Bishops Speak by Raphael M. Huber, O.F.M.Conv.

Eighty-two important pronouncements of the Catholic bishops of our own country. An invaluable source for authoritative guidance by our spiritual leaders. Truly, when our bishops speak, Christ speaks. (Herder) 402 pages $6.00

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Conception Abbey, Conception, Missouri

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70 East 45th Street, New York 17, New York

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Apostolate

21 West Superior Street, Chicago 10, Illinois

Quarterly $2.00 a year

Informative periodical on specialized Catholic Action.

Apostolic Perspectives

Box 181, Notre Dame, Indiana (Fides)

Quarterly $2.00 a year

A research periodical on the apostolate of the Church.

Blackfriars

34 Bloomsbury Street, London, W.C.1, England

Monthly $3.00 a year

An important English Dominican publication accenting Catholic social philosophy. Notable for the uniformly high calibre of its contributors.

Catholic Art Quarterly

4380 Main Street, Buffalo 21, New York

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A well-directed publication which has for its purpose the promotion of Catholic art.

Catholic Messenger

410½ Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa

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Authoritative, well documented diocesan newspaper.

Catholic Mind

70 East 45th Street, New York 17, New York

Monthly $3.00 a year

Wide documentation and careful writing give real significance to the title of this pocket-size magazine. Each issue carries a section of important documents, papal and otherwise, which makes this review a valuable source for authoritative reference.

Commonweal

386 4th Avenue, New York 16, New York

Weekly $8.00 a year

The alert editors of *Commonweal* can be counted on to make the Church's position on current problems clear to friends and foes alike. This up-to-date weekly is an admirable cross-section of Catholic thought, both clerical and lay, and is always readable.

Community

4233 South Indiana Avenue, Chicago 15, Illinois

Monthly $1.00 a year

A publication of Friendship House setting forth the Catholic approach to interracial issues.

* *Cross and Crown*

15 South Broadway, Saint Louis 2, Missouri

Quarterly $4.00 a year

A Thomistic publication specializing in ascetical theology and printing articles by some of the finest authorities available on that subject.

* *Cross Currents*

420 West 118th Street, New York 27, New York

Quarterly $3.00 a year

This scholarly review reprints articles from foreign and hard-to-reach sources pertaining to religion and the intellectual life. Among its contributors are such outstanding European intellectuals as Romano Guardini, Emmanuel Mounier, Henri de Lubac, Karl Barth, Nicholas Berdyaev and Gabriel Marcel.

Jubilee

377 Fourth Avenue, New York 17, New York

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A Catholic pictorial treating of current affairs.

Liturgical Arts

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A liberally illustrated quarterly dedicated to improving the standards of taste, craftsmanship, and liturgical correctness in Church art. Recommended for those with particular interest in this field.

Social Order

3908 Westminster Place, Saint Louis 8, Missouri

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Published by the Institute of Social Order, Saint Louis University, this magazine is a reliable reference for social questions.

Spiritual Life

Bruce Publishing Company, 400 North Broadway, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Quarterly $3.00 a year

Edited by Discalced Carmelites, Brookline, Massachusetts, on problems of spirituality.

Theology Digest

1015 Central Street, Kansas City 5, Missouri

Quarterly $2.00 a year

Aims at helping the laity and clergy to keep informed of current problems and developments in theology by presenting a concise sampling of current theological writings in theology.

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1700 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois

Monthly $2.25 a year

Vigorous, lively writing is a trademark of this attractive monthly. Its broad coverage includes such features as: movies, politics, sports, social problems, books, fiction, poetry, art, and international affairs.

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Official organ of Detroit's Association of Catholic Trade Unionists, the *Wage Earner* is doing a remarkable job of good reporting on international, national and especially on local labor news.

Work

21 West Superior Street, Chicago 10, Illinois

Monthly $1.00 a year

Official publication of the Catholic Council on Working Life in Chicago. Carries many well written articles of general concern on Catholic economic thought, as well as labor news of more local interest.

Worldmission

1312 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington 5, D.C.

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Edited by Bishop Fulton Sheen, this magazine carries superbly written articles on every phase of mission activity.

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Saint John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota

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Edited by the Benedictines, this magazine is without peer as America's leading liturgical review. It is difficult to see how anyone can keep well informed on modern liturgical thought, both at home and abroad, without reading *Worship*.

SUPPLEMENTARY LIST

I. Catholic Doctrine and Philosophy — Truths Known by Revelation and Reason

A. Philosophy — What Our Reason Tells Us

* *Art and Scholasticism* by Jacques Maritain

A profound study of Christian aesthetics against the background of scholastic philosophy. (Scribner's) 175 pages $3.50

Communism and the Conscience of the West by Fulton J. Sheen

The teaching of Marx and the Church contrasted. An assembly of papal statements on the question is included. (Sheed & Ward) 247 pages $2.00

A Companion to the Summa by Walter Farrell, O.P.

A popularized version of Saint Thomas' *Summa Theologiae*, the greatest synthesis of philosophical and theological thought ever to come from the pen of man. (Sheed & Ward) 4 vols. $3.75 each

* *The Drama of Atheistic Humanism* by Henri de Lubac, S.J.

A scholarly, restrained analysis of the errors of Feuerbach, Marx, Nietzsche, Kierkegaard, Comte and Dostoievski. (Sheed & Ward) 253 pages $4.00

* *Idea Men of Today* by Vincent E. Smith

A series of essays outlining basic principles of present-day philosophers for the educated layman who has neither leisure nor ready sources for a first hand study of modern thought. (Bruce) 434 pages $5.00

Ideas Have Consequences by Richard M. Weaver

A discerning estimation of modern philosophy and its effect on society. Although the author is not a Catholic, his conclusions are for the most part both accurate and practical. (Chicago University Press) 214 pages $1.50

The Image of His Maker by Robert E. Brennan, O.P.

An excellent summary of Thomistic psychology possessing that rare quality of being simplified and popular without being superficial. (Bruce) 307 pages $3.25

* *Leisure the Basis of Culture* by Josef Pieper

Two essays on the philosophy of leisure. (Pantheon) 160 pages $2.75

Makers of the Modern Mind by Thomas P. Neill

Practical studies of Calvin, Rousseau, Freud, Bentham, Darwin, Newton, Locke, Kant, Luther, Marx, and Descartes as they have influenced modern thinking. (Bruce) 391 pages $4.00

The Philosophy of Communism by Charles J. McFadden, O.S.A.

An accurate, thorough treatment of the philosophy underlying Communism. (Benziger) 345 pages $4.50

Saint Thomas Aquinas by Gilbert K. Chesterton

An introduction to the life and teachings of the Angelic Doctor. (Sheed & Ward) 248 pages $2.00

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1. APOLOGETICS — WHY REVELATION SHOULD BE BELIEVED

* *Art and Faith* by Jacques Maritain and Jean Cocteau

A series of letters between the distinguished French poet, Jean Cocteau, and the great Thomistic philosopher, Jacques Maritain. (Philosophical Library) 138 pages $2.75

Catholic Evidence Training Outline by Frank Sheed

An extensive handbook for the training of speakers for the Catholic Evidence Guild. Of use to all lay apostles in their relations with non-Catholics. (Sheed & Ward) 362 pages $2.50

Divided Christendom by Yves M. J. Congar, O.P.

A study of the problem of the reunion of Christendom in these days when Christendom is suffering attack in many countries. A discussion of the history and character of Christian divisions, and a clear statement of the Catholic doctrine of the oneness of the Church in Christ. (Geoffrey Bles: Centenary Press) 295 pages $1.75

Men and Tendencies by Edward I. Watkin

The Catholic mentality adroitly defended against the prevailing concepts of life and futurity, and against the men who maintain them. (Sheed & Ward) 340 pages $3.50

One and Holy by Karl Adam

A series of lectures concerning themselves with the causes and circumstances of Luther's rebellion. Finally the author presents a solid plan of how reunion is to be achieved. The outlook is neither optimistic nor hopeless. (Sheed & Ward) 130 pages $2.00

2. DOGMA — TRUTHS REVEALED TO MAN BY GOD

Christ Our Brother by Karl Adam

Seven historical and dogmatic essays on the life of Christ by one of the greatest theologians of the twentieth century. (Macmillan) 210 pages $3.00

The Christ, the Son of God by Constant Fouard

A devotional yet scholarly life of Christ intended both to instruct and to inspire the reader. (Longmans) 347 pages $2.50

The Collected Works of Abbot Ansgar Vonier, O.S.B.

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A comprehensive study of the life of Our Lord. Well written and impressive for its thoroughness and accuracy. (Bruce) 2 vols. $12.00

Jesus of Nazareth by Hilarin Felder, O.F.M.Cap.

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A simple, readable life of Christ, suited especially to the beginner. It will serve also as an

introduction to the many excellent but more recondite treatments of the life of Our Lord. (Saint Anthony Guild Press) 612 pages $3.00

The Life of Christ by Giuseppe Ricciotti, O.S.A.
One of the most brilliant works of our modern times, this life of Christ is destined to become a classic. It will prove invaluable for those desiring a timely and serious study of the life and background of Our Lord. (Bruce) 719 pages $6.00

The Living Thoughts of Saint Paul by Jacques Maritain
Penetrating, systemized reflections on the writings of Saint Paul. (McKay) 161 pages $2.50

The Lord by Romano Guardini
A meditative life of Christ rich in insights into Our Lord's life in terms of today. (Regnery) $6.00

A Map of Life by Frank Sheed
A factual statement of the doctrines of the Catholic Church. (Sheed & Ward) 147 pages 75¢

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A masterly presentation of the pre-eminent place of Mary as the Mother of God and Mediatrix of all graces. (Herder) 338 pages $4.00

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Father Clerissac here presents a vivid treatment of the pre-eminently spiritual mission of the Church. (Sheed & Ward) 144 pages $1.25

The Mystery of Godliness by Ceslaus Spicq, O.P.
A commentary on the three pastoral epistles of Saint Paul, treating of the apostolate, preaching, and priestly piety. (Fides) 183 pages $3.50

The Mystical Body by Eugene Boylan, O.C.R.
Father Boylan presents in an accessible and attractive form the basic principles for the spiritual growth of members of the Mystical Body of Christ. (Newman) 130 pages $1.75

Our Life in Christ by Virgil Michel, O.S.B.
A practical book dealing with religious truth and modern life, and the relation between the two. (Liturgical Press) 240 pages $1.00

Pathways in Holy Scripture by Damasus Winzen, O.S.B.
A magnificent summary and explanation of the Bible. Part I: the books of Holy Scripture read by the Church during the Liturgical Year in her breviary. Part II: the remaining books of the Bible (not all books are completed in this part — those forthcoming are mailed to subscribers as they are published.) Very highly recommended. (Mount Saviour) In 2 parts $4.00

Paul the Apostle by Giuseppe Ricciotti
A great book destined to become a classic in biblical literature. Lengthy introduction presenting a wealth of material indispensable for a thorough understanding of the strictly biographical section. (Bruce) 540 pages $7.50

Saint Paul: Apostle of Nations by Daniel-Rops
A beautiful, fast moving, popular biography of the man who worked out Christ's command in the earliest days of Christianity. (Fides) 163 pages $2.75

Sermons and Discourses by John Henry Cardinal Newman
Deeply reasoned, moving sermons in the flowing language of a great Catholic intellectual. (Longmans) 2 vols. $3.50 each

The Son of God by Karl Adam
A profound study of Christ as portrayed in the Gospels, the first records of primitive Christianity. (Sheed & Ward) 309 pages $3.00

The Spirit of Catholicism by Karl Adam
A summary of the foundation of Catholic belief demonstrating the Church to be the organ of Christ's mediation between God and man. (Macmillan) 237 pages $3.00

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Christianity and man viewed under the twin microscopes of reason and revelation present a sharp picture of Catholic Truth. (Sheed & Ward) 407 pages $3.00

* *Theology of Saint Paul* by Ferdinand Prat, S.J.
A scholarly and well-organized treatment of the Christian doctrine taught by Saint Paul. (Burns & Oates) 2 vols. $8.50

What Catholics Believe by Josef Pieper and Heinz Raskop
A concise summary of the fundamental teach-

ings of the Catholic Church. A vast amount of material is covered, in simple terms, in one brief work. (Bruce) 128 pages $2.00

The Whole Christ by Emile Mersch, S.J.
Father Mersch's monumental work on the Mystical Body traces the doctrinal teachings and interpretations of the mystery from Biblical times to the present. (Bruce) 640 pages $6.00

II. Moral Principles — Rules of Human Conduct

A. Ethics — Principles of Human Conduct Known by Man's Natural Reason

Fundamental Moral Attitudes by Dietrich von Hildebrand
A concise, clearly worded study of the natural moral virtues, under the headings: Reverence, Faithfulness, Awareness of Responsibility, and Veracity. (Longmans) 96 pages $1.75

* *The Norm of Morality* by John A. Ryan
An extremely concise exposition of integral human nature as the natural norm of right and wrong. "A prerequisite to social action" recommended especially to those with some training in philosophy. (NCWC) 71 pages 50¢

* *The Person and the Common Good* by Jacques Maritain
A deeply intellectual, probing discussion of the person and the common good. The discussion centers on the distinction between individuality and personality. (Scribners) 98 pages $2.00

* *Social Ethics* by J. Messner
A well organized, up-to-date treatment of the entire field of social ethics. (Herder) 1018 pages $10.00

Society and Sanity by Frank Sheed
A general review of social philosophy. (Sheed & Ward) 274 pages $3.00

* *True Humanism* by Jacques Maritain
Brilliant essays on man and society by an intellectual who is perhaps the greatest philosopher of our age. (Scribners) 304 pages $3.50

B. Moral Theology — Principles of Human Conduct

1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Abbé Pierre Speaks by Henri A. Groues
The priest whose sense of social justice aroused world-wide response. (Sheed & Ward) $3.50

Accent on Purity by Joseph Haley, C.S.C.
Guide to sex instruction for parents and teachers. (Fides) 130 pages $1.50

Catholic Viewpoint on Race Relations by John LaFarge, S.J.
First in a series on Catholic viewpoints — this one a distillation of the author's forty years' experience and thought on race relations. (Hanover House) $2.95

Christian Design for Sex by Joseph Buckley, S.M.
Exact theological principles concerning Purity, Modesty, Passions, Marriage and Virginity. (Fides) 216 pages $3.50

The Church and War by Franziskus Strattman, O.P.
A serious work on the morality of war which, although not without controversy, represents a solid contribution to that complex problem. (Kenedy) 219 pages $2.00

The Destiny of Modern Woman in the Light of the Papal Teaching by William B. Faherty, S.J.
A valuable presentation and discussion of the pronouncements of recent popes on the role of modern woman in the home and in society. (Newman) 206 pages $3.00

God and War by Fulton J. Sheen
A striking treatment of the momentous problem of modern war. (Kenedy) 116 pages $1.00

In Defense of Purity by Dietrich von Hildebrand
The Catholic teaching on purity and virginity well set forth in a logical unexaggerated manner. (Sheed & Ward) 196 pages $1.50

Introduction to Social Justice by William Ferree, S.M.
A brief introduction to the essential principles of social justice, a subject little understood today but of extreme importance for the reform of society. (Paulist Press) 63 pages 15¢

Modern Youth and Chastity by Gerald Kelly, S.J.
A clear, direct presentation of the Catholic moral teaching on chastity aimed at about the first year of college level. (Queen's Work) 105 pages 25¢

Morality and War by Gerald Vann, O.P.
The complex ethics of war presented clearly and accurately. The application of these principles, while less definitive, is as accurate as can be hoped for within a framework of circumstances which must be to a degree conjectural. (Burns & Oates) 75 pages 75¢

Morals Makyth Man by Gerald Vann, O.P.
Moral principles and their applications to existing situations. (Longmans) 240 pages $2.50

Morals and Marriage by T. G. Wayne
A concise, practical treatment of the Catholic concept of sex and the moral principles that safeguard it. Well written and accurate. (Longmans) 81 pages $1.50

Poverty by Pie-Raymond Regamey, O.P.
This book provides a full, although somewhat difficult treatment of the vital role which poverty should play in the life of modern Christians. (Sheed & Ward) 183 pages $2.50

Profiles in Courage by John F. Kennedy
Biographies of Americans who served integrity and justice even at great cost in public and private life. (Harper) $3.50

Protestant-Catholic Conflicts in America by John J. Kane
While Catholic influence in the U.S. is not yet growing to an important degree, non-Catholic resistance based on illusion of such growth is increasing. (Regnery) 244 pages $3.50

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The Catholic Writer As Prophet

Vincent J. Giese

WHETHER he knows it or not, the Catholic writer shares in the prophetic mission of the Church. As a baptized Catholic, the writer shares in the priestly role of Christ as well as in His Kingship. But more particularly as a writer is he a prophet.

In Biblical terms, a prophet is "a man whom the Holy Spirit introduces into the hidden designs of God so that he can be their witness until death." Throughout the history of the Church, prophecy has been linked with martyrdom. Witnessing Christ often has led to martyrdom.

What is the prophet's task? His task is simply to make known God's view of history in its totality — past, present, future. The prophet not only must witness and testify to the divine plan, but he must also help its accomplishment. Prophets are in constant conflict with those who would organize the world without God.

Essentially, the prophetic mission is a teaching mission. The Gospel must be preached to all nations before God can establish His Kingdom. Not only the clergy but also the laity share in this teaching mission, although most certainly only the hierarchy has the authority in matters of doctrine. It is on the profane level, whenever Christian values are at stake, that laymen are vitally concerned. Monsignor Gerard Philips notes in his *Role of the Laity in the Church:* "Chesterton, Belloc, de Reynold, Maritain, and Mounier; historians, journalists, and Catholic thinkers play a role which the Fathers of the Church in their day did not neglect. Yet they are more philosophers and sociologists than lay theologians."

The point is, the Catholic writer has a role to play in the development and communication of doctrine. His first responsibility, as a witness to Christ, is to know the world in which he lives — know its problems, its vibrations, its tensions as they exist in the people around him — those for whom he writes and of whom he writes. He also must know the institutions of our complex age in which man will be either enslaved or liberated.

Simply, the Catholic writer needs an intimate knowledge of the sociological facts of our world, not in any dry textbook manner but through flesh and blood contacts with humanity. He needs to plunge into the great issues confronting our age, not so much as a social reformer but as a witness, as a recorder, as an interpreter, as one who has already embraced the message of Christ in his entire life. He must participate spiritually, emotionally and intellectually in our age of history.

He does all this, not as a curiosity-seeker or thrill-seeker or as a vague humanitarian with a "feel" for man. This is not the meaning of Christian prophecy. The true meaning is this: to be caught up in the Divine Plan for salvation, the Divine Plan for history. Then, to approach all these great human problems and human sufferings with a Christian sense of history, which places the Incarnation and Redemption of Christ at history's very center. This is the only valid perspective for the Catholic writer — no matter what literary form he chooses.

Why should it not be our historical task to give birth to a whole new school of apostolic writers in this lay apostolic age? Could not a new school of prophets — lay men and women — come forth to awaken the apostolic spirit in men, somehow remind them of their greatness, their divine vocation and their eternal destiny, somehow arouse in them the desire to communicate the Christian life to others and make it more desirable for others?

Not that our Catholic writers will achieve these ends in everything they write. Not everything written will be evangelical. But as

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Catholic writers, as apostolic writers, they should have the burning desire to do this work for the Church. The desire should shine through their writings — as it shone through the writings of St. Paul. At the end of his life, the Catholic writer ought to be able to look back with some small feelings of satisfaction that some of the things he set down on paper aroused in others the thirst for a fuller life, for the Divine Life, for Christ and His Church.

Think what areas would be opened for writing activity, if each Catholic writer would draw up his own personal list of places, professions, institutions, environments where the Church has no influence. We know that unless the Christian faith is translated into the construction of a Christian social order, faith is a hypocrisy: "For I was hungry and you did not give me to eat." Writers have countless opportunities to make the Church present in these areas of human suffering and misery. They can be the forerunners, the John the Baptists, in all this work.

In a very special way, then, Catholic writers can participate in the two-fold task of the lay apostolate. The first task is redemptive — the task of evangelization, in an attempt to convert the world to Christ by testifying to His life and teaching. Here the writer can help extend Christ's redemption of the world.

The second task is creative — the continuation of the work of God the Creator. This is the work of regenerating society — the extension of creative work to all temporal life under the command of God to subdue the earth. Art, science, technology, social planning, culture — any humanization of matter that helps man to serve God better — are legitimate fields for the writer. Writers can communicate all this to others, and thereby stimulate and encourage creative activity as well as share in creative activity themselves.

We can see, therefore, the great prophetic mission of the Catholic writer. The requirements for it are not only that he be a competent craftsman, but that he know the Word of God. He must be saturated with the Word of God. He must stay alive theologically, alert socially, and *en courant* with the Church intellectually and apostolically.

The gift of prophecy requires that the recipient be steeped in Catholic thought, so that he will have what might be called an intuitive insight into the problems of our age. This is the content of prophecy. It is not the gift of inspiration which the four evangelists enjoyed. It is not the soothsayer's ability to forecast the future. Rather, it is simply the ability to make the right interpretation of life. This can only be the result of a thoroughly Christian mentality. More than any other lay vocation, writing, it would seem, can lay a claim to Christian prophecy. This is a sobering thought in an age when the heralds of the press are so far removed from the Christian message.

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The Modern Apostolate of the Publisher

Eugene S. Geissler

THE publisher must be a business man, and must be aware and sometimes unyielding in meeting the demands of good business procedure, but — and the reservation is crucial — the publisher and his whole entourage of associates must be finally in the service of the Church. Yet, he must be sensitive to the full scope and meaning of "the Church," especially sensitive to that whole area of relationships between the Church and the world.

Furthermore, there is no real justification in talking of the modern apostolate of the publisher unless as publisher he is idea-orientated; unless it is the apostolic content and not the "dollar" or the "volume" in which he is primarily interested, and not profit but the apostolate that gives the momentum and inspiration to his work. This orientation is circumscribed by a definition of the needs of the Church today, a definition which cannot but be made in terms of "the apostolate," because such is the special orientation of the effort of the Church herself in our age.

It is certainly within the Catholic Press that we would be forever expecting this ideal arrangement, this emphasis on the "idea" needs of the Church. Yet, it is an ideal which, like the Christian ideal itself, is everlastingly unfulfilled. This is not said disparagingly; it only underlines the necessity of a continued effort toward perfection, of change, growth, and progress in bringing the Church to the world and the world to the Church.

In pursuit of his apostolate, the publisher (I speak of the "publisher" not so much as one person, but as the whole publishing team) must have certain basic qualifications. He must have broad education and broad outlook: always open, never narrow, always perceptive. His will must be just, so that God, himself and all men reap justice from what he does; coupled with the first, this will mean the faculty of recognizing injustice wherever it hides. He must be prudent so that in judging the whole practical arena in which new ideas have to make their way he does not kill their chances by, for example, negative broadsides, baiting phrases, or oversimplifications. He must be in the forefront, yet not premature.

Actually, however, these qualifications though basic are elementary. The heart of the matter is that he must be able to "feel" with the whole wide world and all its elements, on the one hand, and be able to "feel" with the Church, on the other hand, and somehow in so far as lies within his sphere bring these two together.

It is possible, indeed, to talk about such things as broad outlook and broad education, of justice of will and prudence in the practical affairs that fall within the publisher's concerns. But the modern apostolate of the publisher rather lies in being sensitive to all the currents of life and of truth that lie about him in people and their aspirations, in their shortcomings and their needs, even their failures. And on the other hand, in being sensitive to what the full Christian life is, which the Church offers to both the ordinary man and

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also the intellectual — not merely which the Church *offers* but which she herself *is*.

The modern publisher, to fulfill his role in the apostolate of the Church, must realize, I think, that there are more ways than one of knowing, and that some of these ways long recognized elsewhere, are now being recognized, slowly, among Catholics. There is a place in the Church and in the modern apostolate for these ways of knowing — a knowing that is not so much the result of abstraction and of general principles, but one of insight through personal and social experience, a kind of existential knowing through contact.

The apostolate with its process of observing, judging and acting, of identifying itself with its environment, of being one with its milieu, of leading an existential life, of group consciousness through group method, is far removed from both the purely scholastic and the narrowly Catholic.

Contributing further to this wider view, to the progress of the apostolate, is the awakening communism has caused in the whole Catholic world by the quest for "community" — all the more because it is coming to us with an "eastern influence." It is necessary to see this positive result that the Church is salvaging from this great modern menace. Communism has indeed posed the question of brotherhood, of unity, of group consciousness and of social responsibility, and answered it, albeit in a most extraordinarily unsatisfactory way. But the question has been posed and must be answered by the Catholic in terms of the Church. Not all Catholics see this, but an apostolic publisher must see it, must see it in the whole new influence the East is exerting perforce on the West. Not all this is bad. The East has always been more "community" conscious; the Greek Fathers and the Orthodox Church have always been more sensitive to the "social" in human nature. If you go to St. Thomas for the answer to the question, "How is man in the image of God?" the answer is given in terms of the individual. But there is at least an undercurrent in the tradition of the East that the image of God in man is also one of man, in the plural, being constituted in the image of the Trinity: the two in one flesh of marriage united by love is in the image of the Trinity; the family as a social entity is in the image of the Trinity; likewise society. All these Christ through the Church raises daily to the supernatural level. Indeed, "Wherever," says Christ, "two or three are gathered together in my name there I am in the midst of them."

It is significant that a statement such as the following should come from the Directors and Chaplains of the Catholic Action Movements in France:

> The image of God in man is not found solely in the individual soul (although the majority of spiritual authors since the time of St. Augustine tend to this interpretation); it is rather in the complementary nature of man, in the law of communion implicit in this nature and through which it is completed. Whether it be on the plane of the family, society or the Church, man must always share the life of a community. Human nature is several participating in the same life and in the same riches. For man is created in the image of God whose interior life is three Persons sharing the same nature, the same life and the same glory. Man does not fully realize the image of God in him except through communion with other people.*

The Church is this image par excellence of community on earth. This is the great divine reality on earth, in which all things and people find a home and answer.

Why has there been no home in the Church for the creative thinkers of the last four hundred years, for the "intellectual giants"? Because the Church, in all its earthly and divine reality, has not been presented, incarnated, personified. Though transcending the world she is in the world, and the tremendous quality of her all inclusiveness has not been made known. It has been made known in an individual here and there, in a Newman, Claudel, Chesterton, and in its saints in something other than an intellectual way. But it remains true that the creative thinkers have not found the Church, nor has "the Church" produced them. (Recall the difficulties faced by Newman for the rest of his life after his entry into the Church. Why?)

Without answering the question directly, it seems to me that the apostolate is going to contribute to a solution, the answer being at least partly in making up with the world, in accepting the flesh, the emotions, the passions, the senses, the heart, the desires, as realities of life created by God, as legitimate avenues of knowledge and areas worthy of redemption. Through all these things men know, or come to know, through all these things men strive and seek for God. This pursuit involves an existential type of thinking. The unfulfilled desires of this life become an argument for the

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* Chapter 7, Series 1, *Elements de Doctrine Spirituelle*, A.C.J.F., Paris.

immortality of the soul in the mouth of an unbeliever. And is it not perhaps more vital than the argument that the soul is simple and has no parts into which to disintegrate?

There is first of all, then, this recognition by the publisher of the world, of the real and vital existence of these worldly things, and then the effort to find their place for them in the Church, especially of the people who know life and truth only in this way, whose knowledge is emotional, passionate, sensient, artistic, etc., but knowledge, nevertheless. In finding a place for these in the Church the discovery is also being made just how big the Church really is — that, co-extensive with humanity, the Church is a Mother who takes all things needy and immature and unfulfilled and fulfills and matures them in the bosom of her divine reality.

So the greatest effect is perhaps on the apostle himself and the final result for the world is that the full life of the Church is going to be personified before men in those who are a part of the world, and out of whom will radiate the invitation to redemption.

Another current in this discovery of the Church and the world, this bringing together of the world and the Church, is the recognition — not a new fact, of course — that the power of the Church is less institutional than it is sacramental, that what is seen is less important than what is not seen, that the greatest reality is hidden, is mystical, a mystery. This insight and recognition, for example, puts the argument for the permanence of marriage not, as is so often weakly done, on the institutional and relative basis of the good of the children, a kind of sociological necessity, but on the indissolubility of the sacrament which is Christ, the sacrament of the living God. In this example, the Sacrament of Marriage is indissoluble because Christ is one, because He relives in the married His own love of the Church.

It is possible to speak of approaching a new era, the result partly of the effort of the lay apostolate. This era will be marked by a new kind of knower, a new kind of Catholic scholar, who has wed the world of the creative thinkers to that divine genius, the Church. In psychology, philosophy, in sociology, in politics, in literature (especially in areas like these), and even in theology (witness already the *Theology Library* by a group of French theologians), the new era is producing an orientation through the lay apostolate which began by Catholics accepting the world and striving to bring it to baptism in the immensity of the Church. The new approach will be marked, is already marked, by a swing toward the "social" and the "personal" — away from St. Thomas towards something more like what is met in Newman.

What about the publisher? As a man of ideas and interested in ideas, as a shaper of the world and searcher for the full life and the truth — as the man of prudence and justice bringing the Word to the world and the world to the Church, he seeks among the highways and byways of life the apostolic expression of this new shape of life and truth that is the mouthpiece of the Church in apostolic ferment. Who would deny that the Church is in ferment? The idea of Catholic Action, of the lay apostolate, is so basic a change of approach that it will be a hundred years before the full stature of this change is known. In the meantime, the publisher contributes to the change and the growth of the mustard seed.

How does he? On all levels: the scholarly publication, the specialized publication, the popular. He looks for new insights and for new expressions of this new apostolic growth of the Church. He not only looks for them but stimulates them to produce — whether their knowledge is through a method of abstraction, through personal or social experience, through thought, feeling or desire. He recognizes the value in the methodic expounder and his new ideas; he recognizes the contribution of the journalist and his documentaries, of the writer and his probings of the human spirit, of the poet, the artist and their new forms.

Not only that, he knows with the Church that nothing good, true, or beautiful — even when not yet wholly purified — is foreign to the Church, to the Christian, and one of his objectives is forever broadening the horizon of the narrow Catholic and his exclusive Catholicism. This makes him sympathetic to honest, human effort everywhere, as well as capable of detecting pseudo-intellectualism in all its forms, especially the negativism of the defensive attitude.

Within the area of his initiative, he brings the world to its answer, the Church, and the Church to the world. This is his apostolate, as it is of all Christians.

The Apostolate of the Catholic Book Shop

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IN THE Acts of the Apostles we are told that in the very first days after receiving the Holy Ghost, Peter and the others went out fearlessly to preach. They spoke to crowds of men each in his own language. How the words must have flowed in simple eloquence from these newly inspired and fortified apostles! What a glorious beginning the apostolate of the Word had!

No less glorious, no less profound, no less significant in these present times when the ears and eyes of men are confronted at every moment of the day and night with words to hear and read! The "good news" is still imparted to all men through the medium of words. The apostles still use this most exclusively human instrument to reach the minds and hearts of the people. This is infinitely appropriate, for God manifested the fullness of His creative love in the Word made flesh. We know Christ through His words. He said, "I am the Christ," and we believe Him. But believing is not enough. "Go and teach all nations." His followers must tell all men that He is the Christ. They must share their faith, hope and charity; they must manifest the fullness of their creative power in the way of God in whose image they are made, through words.

In modern times, words must often mean "books," which term includes many forms of each variety: pamphlets, magazines, papers, bound books. These are the instruments of the apostolate of Word and words. The little trinity of writer, publisher, and bookseller combine their zeal and facilities in very special ways to do exactly what Peter and the other apostles did when they brought to all men the Truth through words — in sermons, letters, and instruction.

Here I speak specifically of how the third member of the little trinity, the bookseller, does his part in this great apostolate. The Catholic book shop, as I see it, is the center for dissemination of Truth, the center from which the right words conveying the right thoughts go out in enlightening beams to all men. We cannot say, however, "Let there be a book shop," except in the origin of the idea. As sons of Adam, we do this by the sweat of our brows. We must work for it, in it, and thereby through it to perform the sometimes almost heroic, but totally necessary deeds of the divinely commanded apostolate.

Fifteen years ago, a small group of inspired and dedicated men and women conceived the "idea." Our community — population and geographical center of a large shopping potential — needed a Catholic book shop. The predominately Catholic population of South Bend had no easily accessible place to buy Catholic books, and the outlying areas were even less privileged. With little money, great enthusiasm (how wise and generous of the Holy Ghost to endow all apostles with this energizing gift!) and consigned merchanise, the doors of the shop opened on a gray day in November, 1942, under the patronage of St. Thomas Aquinas whose own monument is truly made of words. Every sort of vicissitude certainly must have seemed to those pioneers comparable to St. Paul's scourging, lashing, shipwrecks, imprisonments, toil and weariness, humiliations and rebuffs. But the little shop continued and flourished. They too, could say "What matter, so long as . . . Christ is proclaimed?"

Now the shop has expanded to three large, light rooms, two of these the shop itself and

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one the rental library and meeting room. The sign of St. Thomas swinging over the main door is a symbol of what can be found inside. The shop is used as far south as Plymouth and Argos, north to St. Joseph and Benton Harbor, west to Gary, east to Elkhart. Mail orders go everywhere. Priests, Brothers, Sisters, professors, students, and other readers find their way to read and to talk about the things they find on shelves and tables.

And how is Christ proclaimed in Aquinas Library and Book Shop? First, of course, by just being there with all its merchandise on display. Naturally, however, taste, intelligence, and prudence dictate what shall be there for use and sale. Not every Catholic author has written a Catholic book. By the same token, many non-Catholic authors to whom the gift of Faith is providentially denied, write eminently Catholic books. No facet of Truth can be ignored or excluded from the shelves of the Catholic book shop. Of the thousands of pamphlets produced each year, which will best fulfill the desires and needs of the customers? What books are likely to remain steady sellers, classics in their own particular ways? Which will have a valuable but fleeting market? How can the ever-increasing number of good books (thank God they are increasing) be fitted into non-expanding walls? These questions must be answered daily with wisdom and hope on the part of those persons responsible for such decisions.

Aquinas Book Shop has from the beginning been blessed with workers capable of such decisions. It has always been borne in mind that the Catholic book shop has an obligation, part of its original concept, to give the community not only what it wants, but also what it should have. Only the best is good enough.

To provide that "good enough" is an aspect of education which Aquinas has never overlooked. Even in the selection of pamphlets (I dwell on pamphlets as example because of the multitude of them), if one is written better than another, it is inevitably chosen for stock. If in the multiplicity of books available on one subject, several are found to be superior, these invariably b e c o m e standard recommended stock. The new books of certain authors receive welcome space on the shelves only if they have maintained their previous standard. The apostolate of the word, I have found to be an exacting exercise in discrimination accompanied by unwearying prayer to be doing the right and good thing. And how gratifying it is when a reader confirms one's judgment of a book! (But how humiliating, too, is the thought that the right judgment might not have been made!)

This brings me, naturally, to personnel-customer relationship in the matter of education. Nowhere else (save in teaching and preaching) can the spiritual work of mercy, teaching the ignorant, be so satisfactorily performed. True, the person who does the buying for the Catholic book shop must know what he is buying, but he must also know that he can make a similarly good choice for the persons who require his helpful counsel. Here the apostolate becomes active and alive.

Assuming the initial good judgment in making the best books available, how can one know what book is right for this present individual? Of course, no one but God can presume to know the answer completely, but in his limited intelligence and unlimited charity one can try to provide just what the reader wants. The worker must be prepared to spend as much time on the problem as the inquirer needs.

Consequently, the worker must know something definite about all the books and pamphlets he so proudly displays. An insuperable task? Yes, but the true apostolate demands it, at least in the fullest measure possible to the worker. It is silly to imagine that he can read thoroughly each book or pamphlet he places so neatly and confidently on shelf or table. But he can be informed on their nature. He can do some intelligent "dipping" into the contents, reading carefully here and there. He can, above all, be fully acquainted with what books he has on hand and which ones might fill the needs of the inquirer. He can suggest and describe before allowing the reader the dignity of his own choice. He will, perforce, feel and show his interest in the questions and give his answers patiently. No customer could ask for more or expect less from the seller of Catholic books.

The books he sells and rents are living things, bringing Truth and Light as truly in cover and paper as in person and voice. The Church speaks in many of the books: trusting the integrity of authors, Christ speaks in them all. When the bookseller in a Catholic book shop recommends a book, he has more than a fragile hope, he has assurance that he has

given his patron a good book and one which may lead him to a greater realization of himself as a Christian and a greater love of God.

The bookseller may bewail inwardly his own inadequacies, but he need not be terrified of his responsibility. With the right heart, the right book, and charity toward those who seek his advice and service, he has done his best in the apostolate of the Word. He has said with Peter, "Save yourselves from this false-minded generation." This is a hard apostolate, but none is easy.

Best of all in this magnificent work, however, is the inward movement of its action. Before the rock of Truth begins to make the wide circles of its outward action, it first drops deep into the well of one's own being. The apostolate of the Word and words begins and continues in the apostle himself. He receives the savor of his own apostolate by deepening within his soul the love of God, by the mission to become Christlike in preaching the Gospel, by giving the Word to himself through giving it to others. He simply cannot read even cursorily for others without reading more intensely himself. His curiosity about the books he sells becomes livelier with each shipment; the more he reads, the more he must read, not only for his patrons, but more importantly for himself. He cannot offer the cup of Living Water to others without growing thirsty.

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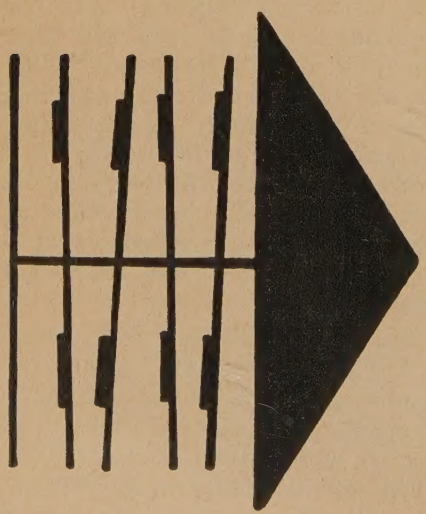

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